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Group Art Unit .... 2812  
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Assemblies, Integrated Circuitry, Power Current Switching Methods, Methods of  
Forming a Power Semiconductor Switching Device, Power Conversion Methods,  
Power Semiconductor Switching Device Packaging Methods, and Methods of  
Forming a Power Transistor

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:  
Responsive to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, Applicants amend and  
remark as follows:

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone interview. The undersigned discussed recited limitations of claims 4, 69 and 82 during the telephone interview. No reference teachings were identified which allegedly disclose or suggest limitations of such claims and it was agreed by the undersigned and the Examiner that such claims appear to be allowable over the prior art. Following the interview, the

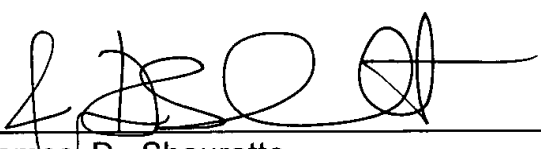
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undersigned became aware of additional prior art necessitating this RCE filing. Applicants request consideration of the new prior art and allowance of the claims in view of the interview and the recited limitations not disclosed nor suggested by Burstein.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 8/5/03

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